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The Pastor Speaks

"JESUS GAVE NO ANSWER"

The Bible says: "But Jesus gave him no answer."

St. John 19:9.

There is a proverb "silence is golden." Silence is golden at times. But frequently it is also **significant.** It was a feature of our Lord's passion that he rarely spoke during the 12 hours preceding his death. Occasionally he refused even to answer. In so doing he fulfilled Isaiah's vision of the messiah: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth."

But his silence was not that of defeat. As he sore of God and the substitute for sinful man he had come to achieve the world's redemption. Had he answered the false accusations of his enemies, pleaded innocence, and demanded justice, he would have defeated the purpose of his mission.

His was an **stening** silence. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." By his silence he bore also our sins of the tongue. In a day of lies and gossip, curses and filthy jests, we need greater faith in our Lord's atoning silence and firmer determination to use our tongue for his glory.

Today Jesus is no longer silent. Day and night he pleads our cause as our mediator before the throne of heaven. Through him the burden of our sins and the sorrow of our heart come before the father and are heard and answered. Today he also invites us: "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest."

Even so, Lord Jesus, I come, I come. Amen.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, November 3, 1974

Topic: When Moral Values Are Disregarded

Scripture: HOsea 4:1-3, 6; 6:1-3; 7:4-7; 11:8-9

Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;
whoever is discerning, let him know them;
for the ways of the Lord are right,
and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in them. Hosea 14:9

Hosea appears to have been a younger contemporary of Amos. Amos prophesied at some time during the 15 - year period, 767-752 B.C., during the reigns of Jeroboam II in Israel and Uzziah in Judah. Hosea began his prophetic ministry before the death of Jeroboam II. it probably continued until near the fall of Israel in 722 B.C.

Both men prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel, Amos as an outsider coming from Judah. Hosea as a native. In Judah Isaiah began his ministry in the year Uzziah died. Micah was a prophetic contemporary in the southern kingdom. Small wonder that the eighth century, B.C., is called the "golden age of prophecy."

Amos saw the seeds of national destruction in the business dishonesty and immoral licentiousness prevalent in Israel in the prosperous days of Jroboam II. Hosea also saw incipient disaster in the contemporary immorality and idolatry. He lived to see the disaster he and Amos had foreseen. Jeroboam II was succeeded by a succession of weak, idolatrous, and evil kings. In the quarter - century after his death, four of the six remaining kings of Israel were assassinated. And if weakness at home were not enough, there was arising abroad an ambitious empire builder in Tiglath - Pileser III, who seized the throne of Assyria in 745 B.C., about the time Jeroboam II died.

A familiar Scriptural symbol of the relationship of God and His people is that of husband and wife. Characteristics essential to the marital relationship, such as fidelity and loyalty and love, are essential to the relationship of a people to their God. Carrying out the analogy, prophets often likened the apostasy of the people of Israel to marital unfaithfulness of adultery.

Hosea developed this analogy in his prophetic message. In his own life he personalized the **apostasy of Israel, for his wife Gomer proved unfaithful to him. Whether this was an actual or a symbolic situation,** Bible interpreters are not agreed; many do regard Hosea's situation as actual, his own family life a domestic tragedy which reflected the national tragedy taking place in the life of Israel. As Gomer's infidelity wrecked a family, Israel's infidelity wrecked a nation. The analogy does not end here. Hosea took Gomer back despite her unfaithfulness for he loved her devotedly and because of that love forgave her. In doing so, he translated into his family relationship God's love for **Israel and God's willingness to forgive if the people of Israel would return to Him.**

All about him Hosea saw people flouting the moral and ethical laws on which the social and religious orders are founded. When men make their own religion, they make its gods in their own image, and they make their desires its rules. In ancient religions temple prostitution, to give a relig[illegible] to the lusts of [illegible] widespread. It may [illegible] been that Gomer's in[illegible] Hosea was expressed [illegible] form of "worship" in [illegible] cults then flourishing [illegible]

With the insight [illegible] tic of the prophets, Ho[illegible] that the moral l[illegible] established for socie[illegible] be disregarded and [illegible] with impunity any [illegible] the natural laws God [illegible] operation of the uni[illegible] be. As he saw the m[illegible] being disregarded, [illegible] his voice in warning [illegible] out the alternative t[illegible] to God would reverse [illegible] to destruction. But th[illegible] tum to destruction h[illegible] too much strength, [illegible] people in their self-w[illegible] to reverse the order [illegible] own lives.

A rapidly spread[illegible] morality throughout [illegible] the world today r[illegible] conditions of Hosea; [illegible] similar disrespect fo[illegible] the substitution of c[illegible] for Him are increas[illegible] dent. Yet the operat[illegible] moral laws is no less [illegible] today than it was [illegible] strength of a natio[illegible] upon the moral fi[illegible] people far more tha[illegible] natural resources o[illegible] or wealth. Hosea spe[illegible] time as well as to his [illegible]

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Letter to The Editors

October 21, 1974

Dear Editor:

The American Cancer Society shares the concern of Americans everywhere for our first lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, and for Mrs. Happy Rockefeller.

The fact that breast cancer struck these two prominent women points up cancer respects no one. It also graphically illustrates the statistics that one of every 15 American women will develop breast cancer.

By their courage and forthrightness, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller have set an example for women everywhere to establish a constant vigil against this form of cancer so that it can be found early when recovery is most favorable.

The American Cancer Society believes that the most important thing a woman can do to discover breast cancer early is to examine her breasts monthly and to see a physician as soon as possible if she detects a lump, thickening or change. To help explain breast self examination the Society has a leaflet called "A Breast Check" which is available from your local office of the American Cancer Society or from the American Cancer Society, Virginia Division, 3218 West Cary Street, Richmond, Va. 23221. Please call us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pat Perkinson, Chm.
Public Information Committee
American Cancer Society
Virginia Division

October 28, 1974

Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Sir:

I would like to tell the Committee of Concerned Citizens that I agree with them that it takes more than PROMISES, whether it be UNION or COMPANY to fill a GROCERY BASKET. I do save enough on Medical benefits alone to add a few items in the basket. I also know that UNION MEMBERS and their families, over the years, have helped to keep Mr. C. T. Moses GROCERY BASKET FULL.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my opinion.

Concerned Citizen Also,
Mrs. Pauline Oxford
President of Local 236

October 28, 1974

The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Editor:

I would like to say a few words in reply to your concerned citizens article which appeared in the October 24 edition of the paper.

Have any of you stopped to think how much money derived from Union wages is filling your market basket now? More than one union is already represented in Appomattox. If all of us who are UNION MEMBERS would stop dealing with you, then you would really have something to be concerned about.

I am employed by Amelia Dress Company. I am proud to say that ALL company promises and ALL union promises are fulfilled. They can work together if an employer wants to be fair. We have a good relationship with our employer and also our management staff. I have been a union member for 30 years and I know I have received many benefits for it.

Thanks,
Nellie Almond
I.L.G.W.U. Secretary and Treasurer
Local 236

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

My heart is so filled with joy that I hardly know the words to use for expressing my thanks and gratitude to you for newspaper publicity and all the others who helped with the "SONS OF THUNDER" concert. I feel that it was successful even though we did not fill the auditorium like I had hoped we would. They are such a dynamic group of young folks singing **joyfully** and **loudly** for the Lord that I would like for the whole county (especially our youth) to hear them.

May I take this means to mention some of the people who helped me with the concert. Thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Riley and Mr. and Mrs. James Baxter (**Lee-Grant Motel**) for putting them up for the night. Thanks to the high school people - Mr. Tillery, Mr. Walton, Mr. Crews, and Mr. Jackson for their help in allowing us to have the concert and looking after our needs. Thanks to Steve Poole, Bobby Waddell, Ben Maxwell and Allen Jones for handling the lighting, etc. Thanks to my Sunday School class for breakfast Sunday morning. Thanks to Vivian Ann Guill, The Florence Barlow Circle, and Circle No. 1 of Memorial for a great supper Saturday night. Thanks to Evans & Nash for having tickets printed. Thanks to parents who helped out in any way and the Youth (and their advisor, Barry Sauls) who worked very hard.

HAVING THE "SONS OF THUNDER" in Appomattox has been a dream of mine for some time and I am so happy that it finally happened. As you can tell, I did not do it alone. I must mention that the Lord really did it all and I shall always be grateful for HIS presence in my life.

Thank you,
Peggy Lawson

County Woman Receives Letter From President

Mrs. Irvin C. Moses of Appomattox has received a letter from President Gerald R. Ford. The letter was written in reply to a letter Mrs. Moses sent to the president shortly after he was sworn in as president.

The letter follows:

September 27, 1974

Dear Mrs. Moses:

Your letter of encouragement means a great deal to me. I am particularly heartened by the staunch support and prayers of concerned citizens like you who continue to be so actively involved in the affairs of our Nation.

Your friendship reminds me once more how much America needs the resources which your generation can offer – your skills, your wisdom, your values, and your faith. I admire your spirit and hope that you will continue to know the peace and fulfillment you so richly deserve. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,
Gerald R. Ford

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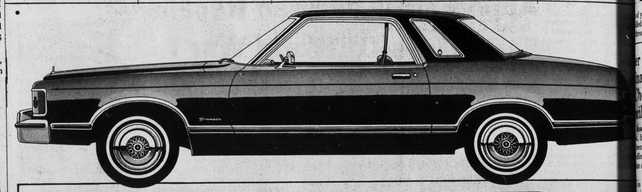

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Sheriff Views Damage

[illegible]ston County Sheriff Gene Richardson views damage [illegible] Dollar Store after deer plunged through plate glass [illegible] Thursday. Deer was seriously injured and was [illegible]mane reasons.

Tragic End For Deer

[illegible] young doe lies on floor of Super Dollar Store after [illegible]ed in interest of humanity after being injured when it [illegible]ough a plate glass window at the store last Thursday.

[illegible]r Elected [illegible]al Officer

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[illegible] a representative [illegible]gin to the Chevro- [illegible]ard, he will serve [illegible]le 114 Chevrolet [illegible]ame at a meeting [illegible]ation to be held in [illegible]ty headquarters [illegible] Dr., [illegible] of 45 Chevrolet [illegible] across the country [illegible]to this office this [illegible] are more than [illegible]et dealers in the

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District, regional and national Dealer Council members are elected to two-year terms. Elections are held annually to provide for continuity in office with overlapping terms.

[illegible] Shiloh Ushers Anniversary

[illegible]nt Shiloh Baptist [illegible]e Board will hold [illegible]ry program this [illegible] afternoon at 3 p.m. [illegible] W. Paige and his [illegible] of Amherst, Va. [illegible] special guest. The [illegible] program will be [illegible] by the local usher [illegible]ers. The president, [illegible] Lewis will serve [illegible]m of ceremony, [illegible]rum, guest choir, [illegible]rs. Mouetta Hod- [illegible]ger, Rev. R. Q. [illegible]ation, guest choir, [illegible]dress, Miss Gail [illegible]mary of the Usher [illegible] Virginia Hicks, [illegible]ation, guest choir, [illegible]n of speaker, Rev. [illegible]mon, Rev. J. W. [illegible]ing visiting ushers, [illegible]e dole, remarks and [illegible]ons, closing hymn, [illegible] Rev. Paige. The [illegible] public is cordially [illegible]ited.

[illegible]ve services were [illegible] Promise Land [illegible]urch last Sunday [illegible] a.m. The Rev. C. [illegible] was the guest [illegible]. The sermon was [illegible] all who were [illegible] large number of [illegible]tended the service. [illegible]music was rendered [illegible] choir.

[illegible]resentatives and [illegible]vited to attend the [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] Assembly Wed- [illegible] 7:30 p.m. The final [illegible] the book books will be [illegible] T. W. Hamlet is [illegible] members who took [illegible] make their report [illegible] November 6.

[illegible]ons of the assembly [illegible] invited to attend [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] the Galilee Baptist Church Wednesday November 13 at 6 p.m. The main address will be delivered by Mr. Archie Mosley, Jr., president of the Prince Edward County Assembly.

A large delegation of members and friends from the Mount Shiloh, Promise Land and Galilee Baptist Churches attended the Rally Day Program sponsored by the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church of Monroe, Va. last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The Rev. J. W. Paige is the pastor of the church. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing delivered the evening message and beautiful music was rendered by the Mount Shiloh Senior choir of Spout Spring. the rally was a great success a total of $3,800 was reported for the day. All who attended were inspired by the beautiful new church that has been built under the leadership of Rev. Paige. Many of the guest paid special tribute to the work being done in the community. A large number of local churches from Amherst county attended the meeting and enjoyed the service.

The officers members and friends are asked to attend the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The Rev. J. D. Scruggs and his Men's Chorus of the Rising Sun Baptist Church will render service at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November at 3 p.m. All members of the church and community are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. Lawing was the guest speaker at the Jordan Baptist Church last Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. service. He reported a very inspiring service.

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